Per Morrison

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TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
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Prof. Torrey,

Dear Sir,

Although personally unacquainted with you, yet I have ventured to send you a few specimens of plants collected in the vicinity of Canton & Lokampoa. They are given into the care of Mr. James McCall Jr., who will endeavor to deliver them to you himself. I have no leisure to analyse them, and am too little acquainted with oriental botany to recognise the family or genus at first sight. Some of them I am pretty certain you will be unable to ascertain satisfactorily; but I hope the most of them are preserved sufficiently well to present the parts necessary. They have been dried by a Chinese, and are of course preserved in an inferior manner to what one ~~would~~ accustomed to the business would have done. I send you all I have, not deeming them sufficiently well dried to keep duplicates. I should be pleased to have you put whatever duplicates among them ~~may~~ are in a good state of preservation, and which you can spare, into the collection owned by the New York Lyceum. There may be a few, not yet obtained by that society.

If it will not put you to much inconvinence, I should like to receive a list of those plants most satisfactorily ascertained, as they such a list will be of value for future and more extended investigation.

I am,

Respected Sir,

Yours very truly

S. Wells Williams

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